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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to file a response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2002:

three months to January 19, 2003; the extension fee is:

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